AMENDMENT

1. (Previously Presented) A system for providing uninterrupted viewing of a real-time program during a telephone call from a caller to a user, the system comprising:

a display capable of displaying caller identification information upon receipt of the call;

a controller capable of detecting acceptance and termination of the call by the user; and

a buffer coupled to the controller, wherein the buffer is capable of buffering the real-time program from the acceptance of the call and providing the buffered program to the user upon the termination of the call until the buffered program coincides with the real-time program;

a memory capable of storing data about the call; the data including at least one of the caller identification information and length of the call, the buffer being capable of buffering the program in a compressed format, the compressed format being selected based on the stored data about the call.

2. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the display is coupled to the buffer and is further capable of displaying the buffered program to the user.

3. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising a video display device coupled to the buffer, wherein the video display device is capable of displaying the buffered program to the user.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the memory is further capable of storing a caller list, the caller list being generated based on the stored data about the call.

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7. (Original) The system of claim 6, wherein the caller is included in the caller list of the stored data about the call indicates that at least a predetermined percentage of the caller's calls were accepted by the user.

8. (Original) The system of claim 6, wherein the caller identification information is displayed only if the caller is included in the caller list.

9. (Original) The system of claim 6, wherein the controller is further capable of automatically accepting the call if the caller is included in the caller list.

10. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising a user input device for controlling viewing of the program and for accepting and terminating the call by the user.

11. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the controller is further capable of automatically muting audio associated with the program upon the acceptance of the call by the user.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Previously Presented) A method of providing uninterrupted viewing of a real-time program during a telephone call from a caller to a user, the method comprising:

    displaying caller identification information upon receipt of the call;

    detecting acceptance of the call by the user;

    buffering the real-time program from the acceptance of the call;

    storing data about the call, the data including at least one of: the caller identification information and length of the call; and

    displaying the buffered program to the user upon the termination of the call until the buffered program coincides with the real-time program;

    wherein the program is buffered in a compressed format, the compressed format being selected based on the stored data about the call.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim13, further comprising generating a caller list based on the stored data about the call.

17. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein the caller is included in the caller list if the stored data about the call indicates that at least a predetermined percentage of the caller's calls were accepted by the user.

18. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein the caller identification information is displayed only if the caller is included in the caller list.

19. (Original) The method of claim 16, further comprising automatically accepting the call if the caller is included in the caller list.

20-33. (Canceled)